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**PROGRAMME 3
BRANCH: URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

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1. PROGRAMME PURPOSE

Manage, co-ordinate, monitor and measure the effectiveness of the integrated implementation of the urban renewal programme and the integrated sustainable rural development programme across all spheres of government.

2. CORE FUNCTIONS

- **PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT URP AND ISRDP**
 - Provides support for the coordination of the implementation of the programmes across the spheres of government. Activities involve formulating practical approaches and systems for strengthening co-operation between the spheres of government, government agencies and NGOs.
- **MONITORING AND EVALUATION URP AND ISRDP**
 - Manages a national system to enable reporting and impact assessments. Activities include developing and maintaining information systems for improved monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

3. 2005/06 STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Intervention: To enhance nodal capacity and capabilities

- ✓ Implementation Framework for the URP at final consultation stage
- ✓ ISRDP Implementation Framework finalized
- ✓ Toolkit for Urban Nodal Programme Managers finalized for publication in June 2006.
- ✓ Guidelines for programme participation by sector departments produced and disseminated to all sector departments and provinces.
- ✓ Deployment of hands-on support for the nodes through project consolidate service delivery facilitators
 - ✓ Joburg, Buffalo City, Nelson Mandela, Cape Town, Sekhukhune
- ✓ Political Champions re-confirmed and 4 nodal visits facilitated.
 - ✓ Sekhukhune/ Bohlabele, Kgalakgadi, Maluti-a-Phofung
 - ✓ Alexandra, Mdantsane, Motherwell, INK

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3. 2005/06 STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Intervention: To tailor ISRDP & URP initiatives towards addressing the challenges of the 2nd economy.

- ✓ Successful leveraging of external resources:
 - partnership secured with the Business Trust (BT) to profile economic opportunities in all 21 nodes. [Value R7m]
 - funding and technical support secured from (BT) for improving investment in former Bohlabele ISRDP node. [Value R25m]
 - EU donor support to urban renewal in the Mdantsane and Motherwell Nodes. [Value Approx. R180m over 3 years]
 - EU donor support to enable the EC province and the national URP office to provide more hands-on support to URP [Value Approx R10m]
 - MoU with Dept Agric to support ISRDP nodes on mechanization through provision of 330 power hoes [Value R7.2m].
 - Dept Agric pledge further support to ISRDP nodes on mechanization through provision of more power hoes [Value R5m]

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3. 2005/06 STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Intervention: To tailor ISRDP & URP initiatives towards addressing the challenges of the 2nd economy.

✓ Successful leveraging of internal government resources:

- Integrated & costed nodal projects to be supported by sector departments are packaged for [operationalizing Nodal Financing Protocol]
- 1.1m rural beneficiaries and 151 708 urban beneficiaries receive varied social grants on a monthly basis as of October 2005. [Value R576.8m per month].
- 264 Community Development Workers deployed in the nodes to date.

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3. 2005/06 STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Intervention: To coordinate Monitoring and Evaluation of the ISRDP

- ✓ The first documenting of emerging practice in the urban nodes under way [Publication May 2006].
- ✓ Four national URP and ISRDP stakeholders forums meeting held, for purposes of reporting on progress, sharing of lessons as well as to provide ongoing guidance.
- ✓ Comprehensive progress report on the two programmes tabled at the July 05 Cabinet Lekgotla.
- ✓ Comprehensive progress report submitted to January 2006 Cabinet Lekgotla.
- ✓ Findings on preliminary impact assessment of rural nodes presented to January 2006 Cabinet Lekgotla.

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3. 2005/06 STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Intervention: To communicate and market ISRDP and URP across the spheres.

- ✓ Community Road shows held in Mdantsane and INK, well attended & positive feedback
- ✓ Two editions of the Urban News and ISRDP Focus newsletter produced and distributed.
- ✓ ISRDP information pamphlet in 11 languages produced and distributed.
- ✓ URP Anchor project poster produced and distributed.
- ✓ Project Consolidate Municipal Imbizos facilitated and Imbizo reports published [KZN and Limpopo provinces]
- ✓ Four Presidential Imbizos facilitated [Cape Town Metro, Ilembe, Sekhukhune and Mopani DCs].

2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. All nodal areas will be assisted to realize their economic potential and to improve the active participation of nodal communities in the economic growth sectors of the country.
 - Develop detailed economic profiles of all the nodes;
 - Review PGDSs and Nodal IDPs and make proposals to strengthen the economic development components thereof in so far as they impact on the nodes; and
 - Develop interventions to forward the imperative of accelerated economic development in the nodes.

2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2. Community Investment Programme in the former Bohlabela Node: Bushbuckridge and Maruleng Local Municipalities:

In further collaboration with the **Business Trust**, the Community Investment Programme that aims to increase the level of economic and social investment in the community, through concerted action to:

- Remove impediments to investment, strengthen local institutions and support targeted new investments by the private sector in the nodes
- Bushbuckridge and Maruleng will be 1st pilots then programme will be replicated in the other nodes in due course.

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2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

3. Strengthen Project Management and M&E Technical Support to the Nodes:

- A national technical support facility for all urban nodes will be established to assist with strengthening nodal capacities and capabilities in the areas of project implementation and monitoring and evaluation.
- In total, [30m euro] has been secured in EU donor funding from 2006 to implement the IDPs in Mdantsane and Motherwell urban renewal nodes.
- On-going technical for the rural nodes will continue in partnership with the Independent Development Trust (IDT).

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2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4. Preliminary Impact Assessments in 2 urban and 2 rural nodes.

Utilize 4 case studies (4 nodes) to assess the impact on the lives of nodal communities for the period 2001 to date.

2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

5. Assessments of impact of cross-boundary changes on current nodes

Partner with IDT to assess impact of cross-boundary changes on original 13 rural nodes and make recommendations to the Cabinet on the way forward.

2006/07 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

6. Strengthen communication of the programmes with an emphasis on beneficiary communities.

- Community radio campaign
- Newsletters
- Nodal Roadshows

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5. URD Branch Budget

Financial Year R' thousand	2005/06(adjusted)	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total MTEF
Management	1 912	2 115	2 222	2 333	6 670
URP Management	1 784	1 880	1 977	2 076	5 933
URP M&E	1 827	1 985	2 089	2 193	6 267
ISRDP Management	1 758	2 458	2584	2 713	7 755
ISRDP M&E	1 672	2 291	2 408	2 529	7 228
TOTAL	8 953	10 729	11 280	11 844	33 853

Notes:

The programme has a predominantly co-ordinating, monitoring and evaluation role and the budget split over the MTEF period reflects this – 70% of the yearly budget is for Operational costs (compensation of employees) and 30% for programme implementation. The ISRDP (rural) programmes have a marginally higher allocation, in line with the larger number of rural districts (13) to be serviced.

The total budget for the MTEF period will be R33,853m with a yearly increase of 9.8% over the 2006 MTEF, reaching R11,844 million in 2008/09.

Thank you!

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